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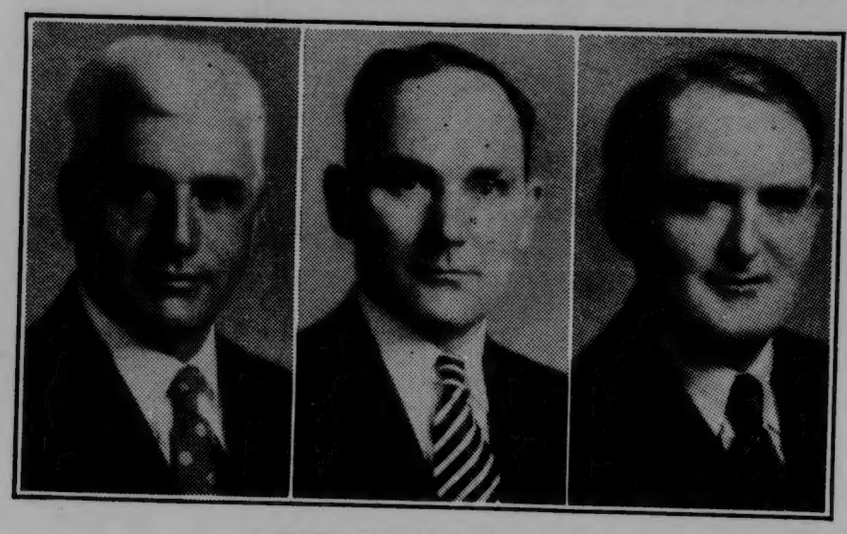

FIRST DIMOND BISHOPRIC

James A. England, 2nd Counselor — Thomas H. Robinson, Bishop — Bromwell Z. Cox, 1st Counselor

By Patricia Fish

Few wards in the history of the Church are surrounded with the romance that surrounds the humble beginning of Dimond, and the construction of its chapel.

In the spring of 1924 Thomas H. Robinson called together a group of Latter Day Saints in the Dimond district to discuss the advisability of establishing a Sunday School in the community. On the advice of President MacDonald, the Dimond Hall was rented; and on May 17, 1924, a special meeting with 54 in attendance was held, and the Dimond Sunday School was organized with Thomas H. Robinson as Superintendent, Albert E. Fitzpatrick, and Karl G. Peterson as counselors, and Frankie Clark, secretary.

May 17, 1925, the Sunday School was made a branch of the California Mission with Thomas H. Robinson, President, Bromwell Z. Cox and Melvin J. Osborne as counselors and Helen Kilner, secretary. Before he had been set apart for his position, Melvin J. Osborne moved out of town and James H. England was made second counselor.

July 10, 1927, the San Francisco Stake was organized and Dimond branch became a ward with its Presidency comprising the first Bishopric. Samuel S. Scott was first clerk, succeeded April 1, 1928, by Robert C. Soker; Sept. 30, 1928 by Mathias C. Morgan; Oct. 30, 1929, by Edward F. Humphrys; May 31, 1931, by Clyde F. Russell; Aug. 7, 1932, by Herbert A. Weiland; Oct. 4, 1934, by Albert Fitzpatrick. On Dec. 8, 1935, Wendell T. Jackson was sustained as assistant clerk. Joseph S. Welch took over the position of clerk Dec. 29, 1935. The only other change in the Bishopric until July 24, 1932 was Sept. 7, 1930 when Willard H. Clarke succeeded James H. England as second counselor.

The rented hall soon became inadequate to meet the needs of the ward's phenomenal growth, and members began to enthusiastically talk of building a church of their own. The Bishopric, with the aid of J. Marke Clarke, Sidney P. Kelley, Walter N. Eddington, and Wendell Lamoreaux found a suitable piece of property for the Chapel; and over the protests of many non-members of the neighborhood, a permit to build was granted by the city. Following the triumphal march from the hall to the grounds by a large and enthusiastic crowd, including many representatives of Dimond Merchants, who had contributed a substantial sum toward the erection of the Chapel, the ground breaking ceremony was held on January 9, 1929.

Then came the task of soliciting cash and pledges for the building fund. Vilate Pierce contributed the first $50 in cash. The Relief Society with beloved Mary Fisher as its first President headed the organization in raising funds; they were untiring in their efforts. They put on bazaars, dinners, plays and banquets; they made quilts and other articles by the score to be sold; they took their turn in serving dinner to the workers; many of them worked side by side with the men, hammering nails, laying floors, painting, etc. The stencils for the ceiling of the chapel were made by Loren McCabe and the entire job of painting them was done by the Relief Society women. At times it became almost a physical impossibility for some to carry on; nevertheless by dint of great sacrifice some of the women were on the job every day during the entire construction. A special tribute should be paid to

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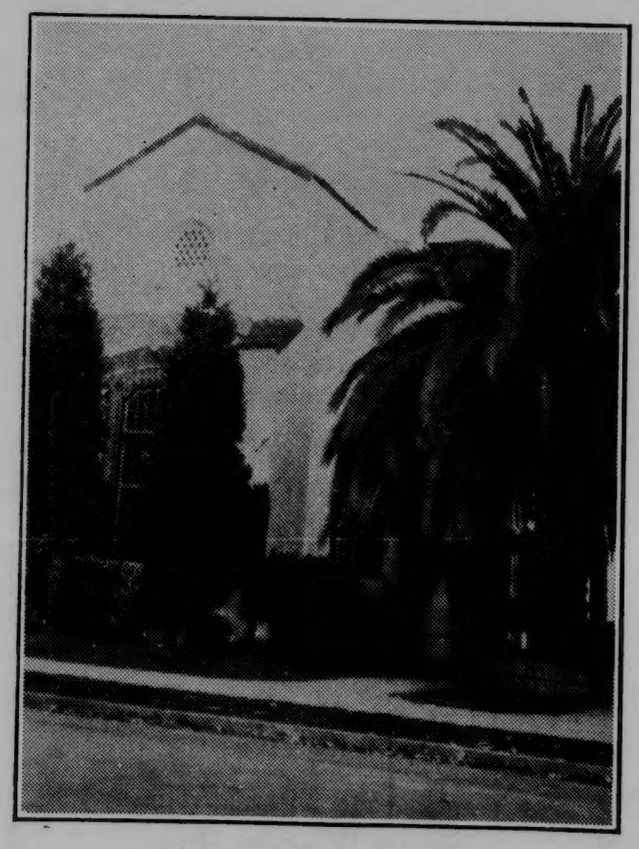

DIMOND WARD CHAPEL

RELIEF SOCIETY, M. I. A. CONVENTION AUGUST 14 AND 15

The annual conference-convention of the Relief Society and the M. I. A. will be held Saturday and Sunday, August 14 and 15 at the Oakland chapel. Intensive work to prepare Stake and ward officers and teachers will be under the direction of members of the general boards. Those who will be here in behalf of the M. I. A. are Superintendent George Q. Morris and Sisters Charlotte Stewart, Marie C. Thomas and Hazel Brockbank. The names of the Relief Society visitors have not yet been announced.

There will be no Saturday evening session of the priesthood, that time being given over to M. I. A. work. It is requested and expected that the Saturday evening session be attended by the Stake presidency, the high council, bishops and their counselors, and branch presidencies, besides all ward and Stake M. I. A. workers. The public, too, is invited to come and get acquainted at first hand with the vision of the work.

Following is a schedule of the meetings of the convention:

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TESTIMONIAL RECEPTION AUGUST 13

Friday evening, August 13, from eight o'clock p. m. until sufficient time has elapsed for the last long handshake and greeting exchange, members of Oakland Stake and friends from San Francisco will join in a testimonial reception in honor of Presidents W. Aird MacDonald and J. Edward Johnson, and Nellie MacDonald, retiring Stake organist.

The function will be held in the new Berkeley ward chapel at the corner of Vine and Walnut streets. This will be the first Stake function of outstanding importance to be held in this chapel, which has been designated as an auxiliary Stake headquarters by the general authorities because of its fine facilities.

From eight o'clock to eight-thirty there will be a reception in the lounge. Presidents MacDonald and Johnson and their wives, and the new Stake presidency and Stake clerk and their wives will be in line to receive. Following the reception, and to commence at 8:30 sharp, there will be a program of outstanding merit in the chapel. After the program there will be dancing in the recreation hall.

Every organization and Priesthood quorum in the Stake will participate. The decorations and refreshments will be furnished by the Relief Society. The M. I. A. will have charge of the dance. The Sunday School, Primary and Priesthood quorums are contributing financially, and in addition the Priesthood quorums are to arrange a transportation committee in each ward of the Stake to insure transportation to everyone.

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"Behold, I will send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me; and the Lord whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple."—Mal. 3:1.

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DEVOTION

The story of Dimond Ward and the building of its chapel as told by Patricia Fish in this issue is an inspiration to all who read. The good people of Dimond have set an example in vision, courage, sacrifice and cooperation which cannot but touch the heart. Under the capable leadership of their first bishop, Thomas H. Robinson, they succeeded because of their devotion to the great Cause.

In telling the story Mrs. Fish has been all too modest as to her own contribution and that of her good husband, Parley. It has lasted long after the completion of the building and should not go unmentioned. That the Dimond Ward chapel is surrounded by beautiful shrubs, flowers and grass, and that it always presents from the outside a well-kept, immaculate appearance, is due to the untiring devotion of Mr. and Mrs. Fish, who have given hour after hour to this work, month in and month out, without thought of reward except for the satisfaction which comes from a labor of love.

The story of the building and maintenance of this chapel is a timely one just now. With Richmond Ward in the throes of its final effort, with Alameda and Hayward and Martinez in the beginning stages of the same struggle, it will bring courage and high resolve to those who must carry on.

The building activities are Stake-wide projects, however. No member of Oakland Stake can afford to rest or consider that his work is completed within the confines of his own ward. It is not finished until every ward and branch has a home of its own. The old adages, "many hands make light work" and "in unity there is strength" were never more true than now.

Dimond Ward has shown the way, has given the answer to our problem in one word: devotion.

PRIMARY UNION MEETING POSTPONED

Because of the number away on vacation, Primary union meeting has been postponed until August 27th.

Dorothy Stone of Berkeley has been added to the Primary Stake Board.

STAKE PRESIDENCY'S MESSAGE

Dear Brethren and Sisters:

The story is told of a Dutch youth who saved his fellowmen from a tragic death by stopping, at its very inception, a small leak in the huge dykes which surround the country of Holland. Small deeds done at the right time and in the right spirit oft times have majestic consequences.

More tragic than a watery grave or the loss of property through floods, are the heart aches, sorrows and shattered dreams that too often come in the wake of idle gossip and vicious repetition of things that are better left unsaid. "Silence is golden"; but words are sparkling diamonds when used to stop, at its inception, an angry word or a vicious whisper which, if unstopped, may bring a flood of calumny or disrespect upon one of our fellowmen.

"Death and life are in the power of the tongue." "Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from trouble." Let us, therefore, speak of our fellows the best we can. Small words spoken at the right time and in the right spirit oft times have majestic consequences.

Sincerely your brethren,
Eugene Hilton
W. Glenn Harmon
Clyde J. Summerhays

STAKE MISSIONARIES ACTIVE

The series of investigators' meetings inaugurated by the Stake missionaries early in June and being held in the various wards in rotation have been very successful thus far. Four such meetings to date, held in Berkeley, Alameda, Dimond and Oakland, have been attended by large numbers of people, many being non-members. The theme of each meeting has been the same, a commemoration of the service rendered by Brigham Young, and a review of the Church leadership, past and present. A large amount of literature has been distributed also.

Over the week-end holiday of July 4th, the Stake missionaries held a very successful outing at Tilden Park. Several camped out in the park each night, and these were augmented each evening for a bonfire program by many others. The high point in the celebration was the Sunday school service held the morning of July 4th under the direction of Superintendent Kendall Thomas of Berkeley Ward Sunday school, and President I. B. Ball of the Stake mission. There was a flag ceremony directed by the eagle scouts and an able address by Bishop Ericksen of Berkeley.

HOME FOR BOY WANTED

A home with a Latter Day Saint family is wanted for a little eight-year-old boy. Adoption is possible if desired. Anyone interested telephone President Hilton.

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Ward Teacher's Message, August, 1937

TRUE CHARITY

"—and the greatest of these is charity"

The Dictionary defines charity as "the disposition to think well of others; liberality; alms; universal love; an institution for the poor; a gift in trust for a benevolent object."

It is well for Latter-Day Saints to consider frequently the fact that this oft-used word has many definitions; that the one narrow use of the word charity, referring only to the giving of alms to the poor, manifests but one of its many meanings.

Considered in its broad definition we all desire charity. We desire that others think and speak well of us; that we shall not be criticized or censured by others without a full knowledge of the facts and of the motives which prompt our actions; that if we make mistakes which are of the heart and not of the head, or even if we make mistakes of the head and then repent sincerely, that we shall not be unduly and unreasonably criticized but that justice shall be tempered with mercy.

It should be remembered that there is charity of consideration for others, of encouragement, of cooperation, of kindness, of comfort in time of distress, of cooperation with those who are striving to do right, of kindly feelings toward those with whom we differ, of thinking well and speaking well of others, of forgiveness and compassion for those who err, or those who we think have erred; of withholding judgment until all the facts are known. These are types of charity not connected with the giving of alms, but nevertheless included in the definition and meaning of real charity.

It is especially desirable at this time that Latter-Day Saints exercise true charity in their dealings with their fellow-men both within the Church and without.

True charity is a part of our religion—a very important part—a part which the whole world needs today.—(From July Era. Ward Teachers will do well to read the additional comments on page 449 relative to "ward teaching" in the summer-time.)

PIONEER DAY FITTINGLY OBSERVED

Under the sponsorship of the M. I. A., and with the able help of the Daughters of the Pioneers and the Stake Missionaries, a splendid celebration of Pioneer day was held in Tilden Park, Berkeley, Saturday afternoon, July 24. Fully five hundred oldsters and youngsters were present, and engaged in the activities. The M. I. A. is to be especially commended for the able organization of the sports and games which kept everyone interested and busy until time for the picnic suppers spread under the trees. Following the supper, a huge bonfire was built, and a pageant and program reminiscent of Indians and Pioneers was staged by the Daughters of the Pioneers and the missionaries. Several people camped out over night and were on hand to join with the missionaries for a sunrise service Sunday morning, July 25.

NORMAN BURRITT PHILLIPS

Norman B. Phillips, patriarch, first president of Oakland branch, passed away at his home in Oakland July 7, 1937. While he had not been in robust health for a number of years, he had been able to get around quite well and no one suspected the end was so near. He left surviving him his wife, Nancy Ann Underwood Phillips, and four children, Walter Stanley, Earl M., Edna A., and Doris E. The funeral was in Oakland chapel, July 10, Bishop Shields presiding. The speakers besides Bishop Shields were Presidents W. Aird MacDonald and J. Edward Johnson.

It can safely be said that Patriarch Phillips has done more to establish the Lord's work in the San Francisco bay region than any other man who ever lived. Commencing in 1892 when Oakland branch was first organized, and through all the subsequent ups and downs of the years, he has stood constantly at his post. For twenty years he was branch president. He was mild and gentle, tolerant and kind. Born at Brockton, Mass., August 31, 1858, he would have been seventy-nine upon his next birthday. Coming to California in 1882, he settled first at Riverside, then Pomona, and came to Oakland in 1889. He was baptized in the Pacific Ocean at Redondo Beach July 2, 1891.

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mony was a triumph, a fitting climax to the efforts of a people, who like their Pioneer ancestors had proven the truth of the old adage, "In unity there is strength."

In the Spring of 1932 Bishop Robinson's work required his removal to Seattle. On July 24, 1932 he and his counsellors, Bromwell Z. Cox, and Willard Clarke were released from a work well done. Serge J. Lauper was made Bishop with Rufus O. Phelps and Dr. Glenn R. Dorius as counselors. Dr. Dorius was succeeded the following June by Charles C. Cherrington.

The depression was very definitely making itself felt among the members at this time, and some of them found it quite impossible to meet their pledges for the new organ. At this difficult time, Bishop S. Lauper undertook the herculean task of straightening out the affairs of the ward. With calm dignity and persistence he carried on; he appealed to the heads of the various organizations who graciously accepted the responsibility of taking care of the cleaning of the chapel. This they did in turn for an entire year. The ward continued to grow to such an extent that the increase in tithing alone amounted to more than $1,000 a year. The indebtedness on the organ was cleared up, many repairs were made, and a sprinkler system and a fine new heating system were installed. When, five years later, on January 10, 1937, Bishop Lauper moved to San Francisco, he and his counsellors had the happy privilege of turning over the affairs of the ward in perfect order.

Rufus O. Phelps became the third Bishop of Dimond with Elmer R. Clarke his first counsellor and Glenn R. Dorius as second counsellor, and these brothers are now serving.

Space permits only the barest allusion to the fine group of people that have held offices in the various organizations, and the high type of accomplishments that rewarded them. Dimond has continued to grow to such an extent that now the need for adequate class rooms is a real problem. Many changes have taken place through the years; new members are always made welcome, and the sooner they become an active part of the ward, the sooner they become imbued with the spirit of cooperation, devotion, and courage that makes for the highest achievement, and symbolizes the "Spirit of Dimond."

CHURCH OF THE AIR BROADCAST

Even as this issue is being distributed, Oakland and San Francisco Stakes will be collaborating in a nation-wide Church of the Air broadcast at 9 a. m. over the Columbia system. The local station is KSFO. The music is by the San Francisco Stake choir. President Eugene Hilton of Oakland Stake is the speaker, his subject being "The Significance of the Restoration."

SECOND INVESTIGATORS' MEETING AT BERKELEY SHOWS IMPROVEMENT

The second investigators' meeting to be held in Berkeley Ward was on June 6 under the direction of the Stake mission. It showed considerable improvement over the first one, but there is still a tendency to crowd too much subject matter into too little time.

MISSIONARIES

CLIFFORD W. BAGLEY

The last issue carried news of the departure of Elder Bagley for the British Mission, sailing July 14.

The same issue told of the departure of Elder Dennis Lauper for the French Mission. Unfortunately Elder Lauper did not leave us a photograph. When he sees this he'll know it is his signal to send us one.

EVELYN CLAWSON

MISSIONARY FAREWELL

A missionary farewell honoring Evelyn Clawson will be held in the Berkeley Chapel and Recreation Hall, August 6, at 8 p. m. She will leave shortly for the Northern States Mission. The Berkeley Ward invites the Stake to join in this testimonial.

The program at 8 p. m. in the chapel will be as follows:

Opening song: "Our Berkeley Ward So Dear"—Choir and congregation
Invocation
Anthem—Berkeley Ward Choir
Reading Kathryn Smith
Piano Solo: Fire Dance, De Falla—Loretta Stevens
Some Missionary Experiences—Mark Ricks
Piano Solo: Waltz E flat, Chopin—Loretta Stevens
Remarks by Departing Missionary—Evelyn Clawson
Remarks—Bishop Ericksen
Closing Song
Benediction

STAKE GLEANER PARTY

The party to be held on August 6 in the Berkeley Ward amusement hall will not only honor Miss Evelyn Clawson, who is to go out into the Mission field, but it will be the occasion of the Stake Gleaner girl and M Men party, the Berkeley Ward gleaners acting as hostesses. During the summer, a similar social has been held in each of the Wards. Instead of holding two dances within a few days of each other, it has been decided to combine the two. The Gleaner girls of the Berkeley ward are in charge of the actual dancing and are to supply part of the program. We wish the young people of the stake to understand that this is their party and we extend a cordial invitation to them to attend, as plans are being made to make this one of the most successful of the summer functions.

CHURCH GROUND BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM

The church has launched a cleanup and paint-up and beautifying of grounds program. The main objective for 1937 is the cleaning up and painting up. In 1938 the project is to be completed by the beautifying of church grounds. Regional cash prizes are offered for wards showing greatest progress.

OAKLAND

Mr. and Mrs. George Bagley, and their daughter, Mrs. Glen Watts of Portland, Oregon, were recent Oakland visitors. They came especially to attend Clifford's farewell.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wright entertained as guests the past week Mr. and Mrs. John Lach, Mrs. Irene Lach Seal, and mother from Salt Lake.

Miss Claire Brown has returned from a two-weeks' vacation in Washington and Oreogn.

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CONFERENCE

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Saturday, August 14

2 p. m. Relief Society Stake and Ward Officers, Class Leaders, Visiting Teachers and Members.

3:30 Relief Society Class Leaders.

7:00 Relief Society Stake Executive Officers.

8:00 Relief Society Stake Board.

6:30 p. m. M. I. A. Joint Stake Board Meeting.

7:30 p. m. M. I. A. Stake and Ward Boards.

(This meeting should be attended by the Stake Presidency, High Councilors, Bishops and counselors, and branch presidencies. The public is also invited.)

Sunday, August 15

8:30 a. m. Relief Society Stake Officers, High Councilmen, Bishops and Ward Presidents.

9 a. m. M. I. A. Stake and Ward Boards.

10:30 a. m. M. I. A., Separate meetings, Stake and Ward Boards.

10:00 a. m. Sunday Morning Session of Stake Conference under Direction Stake Presidency.

2:00 p. m. Sunday Afternoon Session of Stake Conference under Direction Stake Presidency.

7:00 p. m. Concluding Session, under Direction of M. I. A.

HIGH COUNCIL—MISSIONARY ASSIGNMENTS

Alameda: Don J. Allphin, Heber Brown.
Berkeley: Grant D. Ellis, Glen Elliott.
Dimond: William J. Nielsen, Grace Elliott.
Elmhurst: Nathan G. Tolman, Bromwell Cox.
Hayward: Claude M. Dewsnup, John G. Wimmer.
Martinez: Don C. Wood, Robert T. Paine.
Oakland: Delbert L. Wright, Elmo Carr.
Richmond: Ray H. Fisher, Preston Jackson.
Vallejo: John J. Kest, Cleone Rogers and Mrs. Marian Ellsworth.

RELIEF SOCIETY

At the June union meeting Ruth R. Shurtleff was released from the Relief Society board to take a position on the Stake Genealogical board. Mrs. Shurtleff has been Secretary-treasurer for eight years. She has served faithfully and well, and will be greatly missed on the board. The Genealogical board is to be congratulated. She will be a tower of strength to them.

The Relief Society is to have a Stake picnic. It will take place August 3, 1937, at the Codernices Club House and Park, 1201 Euclid Avenue, Berkeley.

BAPTISMAL SERVICE TO BE IMPROVED

The district mission presidents are undertaking a rearrangement of baptismal services with the avowed object of making them a model of impressive spirituality. The services will still be held on each Saturday just preceding Fast Sunday. There will be a permanent presiding officer and secretary chosen, and two separate twenty-minute programs, well prepared, one for children and one for adults. Suitable music under the direction of the male chorus, coupled with more dispatch and order in preparing and keeping records, and in the actual performance of the baptismal ceremony, will add immeasurably to the service. All saints are cordially invited to these services.

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the memory of five of these women who have passed on, Mary Fisher, Elizabeth Cummings, Nora Lamoreaux, Christine Mortensen and Florence Lamoreaux. Martha McKaig, Carrie Fredricksen, and Roselle Jenkel should also have special mention.

DIMOND'S SECOND BISHOPRIC

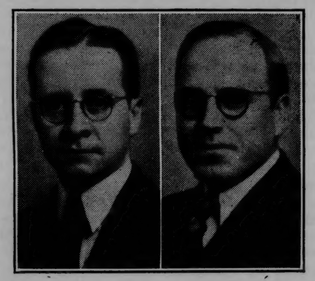
Left to right: Rufus O. Phelps, 1st Counselor, now Bishop; Serge J. Lauper, Bishop; Charles C. Cherrington, 2nd Counselor

The responsibility for the construction of the chapel was given to Walter N. Eddington. As most of the men had regular work during the day, the greater part of the building was accomplished during the evenings. Sometimes they became so interested in the work it was one and two o'clock before they left the job. To save time the men came directly from their work. A committee headed by Mavis Humphrys, assisted by Belle Cox planned dinner for the workers. The ward was divided into groups who furnished the food and served each evening from 25 to 47 people. Sister Cox generously gave her home where every meal to the workers was served.

The spirit of enthusiasm and cooperation diffused through the entire neighborhood to such an extent that people for blocks around donned overalls and came to help; many of the non-members who had protested loudest against its construction were among its best workers. Members of other wards came to help; a group came one evening from San Francisco.

Men, women and children worked hard, little noting how quickly the time was passing, bringing nearer the day set for the dedication. Then days before, it looked a hopeless task. Bishop Robinson called the men together and organized three groups, one to finish the recreation hall, another the main chapel and another the grounds; these groups were headed by Willard Clarke, Parley Fish Sr., and Sam Scott. It was nothing short of a miracle what was accomplished in those ten days. A place was left for the installation of a pipe organ when it could be afforded. When one was found available three years later, its dimensions were found to be perfect for the space available. It was as if it had been measured and installed during the construction.

During the very busy time of constructing, furnishing, choosing fixtures, there had been little time to think of actual dedication; since the retirement of the choir director, Nora Lamoreaux, because of illness the previous year, the ward boasted no choir; but in just three short weeks, with many hours of rehearsal sandwiched in, a choir was organized that did credit to the entire Stake. Their rendition of "Hosanna" the beautiful dedication anthem was so inspiring there wasn't a dry eye in the vast gathering.



Present Counselors to Bishop Phelps: Left, Glenn R. Dorius, 2nd Counselor; right, Elmer R. Clarke, 1st Counselor

On May 18, 1924, just four months and nine days after the ground breaking, the beautiful chapel was finished; complete with furnishings, even the grounds were in perfect order. It was completely paid for at a cost of $35,000, and all labor was donated.

President Grant was present; the church upstairs and down was fitted with amplifiers; but crowds of people could not get near the building. The dedication cere-

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ACHIEVEMENTS

Reed S. Gardner, former Stake clerk, former member of Berkeley ward bishopric, and at present a counselor in the Stake M. I. A., has just received the appointment to the position of registrar of the eleventh Farm Credit Administration District. The appointment comes as a result of taking a civil service examination and passing it with the highest rating in the entire United States. Reed will be the first to hold this position under civil service rating, since the position up to now has been a political appointment much sought after. Giving the position a civil service rating carries with it an increase in salary and a fine opportunity for further advancement. Reed first came to these parts some twelve years ago as a missionary. At the close of his mission he accepted a position in the Federal Land Bank where he has been for the past ten years, rising to the position of chief accountant, then auditor and finally becoming assistant treasurer. His most recent achievement is the result of diligent application, outstanding ability and sterling character.

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We doff our hats and extend congratulations to one of our neighbors across the bay: Arthur K. Deutsch, member of Sunset Ward, San Francisco Stake, who in less than ten months' time sold over one million dollars in life insurance, and qualified as a member of the "Over a Million Club," an exclusive honorary society of life insurance agents. Mr. Deutsch is the first underwriter in San Francisco to make this unique club in many years. And he did it although he is comparatively a new-comer, having been there since 1931 only. His achievement has brought him congratulations from all over the nation, and a great amount of publicity in life insurance circles.

He has not let his professional activities interfere with his Church work. He was baptized late in 1935 and has been very active in his ward. He served as chairman of the committee which arranged for and superintended the participation of Utah's delegation and float in the recent Golden Gate Bridge Fiesta. Incidentally that float won second prize.

The secret of Mr. Deutsch's success is worthy of passing on. He says it lies in having a genuine heart interest in a client's welfare. Just another practical example of the adaptation of the Golden Rule to temporal affairs.

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Following in his father's footsteps and with a flourish disclosing great promise, Joe Roy Hilton, eighteen-year-old son of President and Mrs. Eugene Hilton, is the recipient of a two hundred dollar scholarship to the University of California. This scholarship is the highest of three, the other two being for one hundred dollars each, awarded annually by the Oakland Shoppers' News. The award is based upon three principal factors; scholarship in high school work, quality of service rendered for Shoppers' News, and general promise. Joy Roy was captain of a group of carriers for the News.

WARD NEWS

RICHMOND

Thank you, everyone, for such excellent cooperation! The chapel benefit dinner was a great success and the Richmond Ward wishes to express its thanks to all who contributed so generously.

Visiting Allen Tidwell, recently from Sacramento, were the Misses Gill, Mr. Gill and Mrs. Nielson.

The Blaine K. Haddocks have returned from a vacation in Eureka.

Mr. and Mrs. Leighton and son are spending an extended vacation in Salt Lake.

ALAMEDA

Alameda Ward extends a cordial welcome to Max E. McBride, a recently returned missionary, whose home is in Grantsville, Utah.

Rosina B. Yeaman returned on July 3 after a ten-day visit with relatives in Ogden. She was in Ogden during the illness and sudden death of her husband's father, Sterling Yeaman.

Mr. and Mrs. Rulon Knowles have as their guest Mr. Knowles' brother, Mr. E. S. Knowles of Salt Lake City.

Garvey Johnson and daughter Lorraine spent a pleasant two weeks vacation with relatives and friends in Springville and Salt Lake City.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Yeaman entertained at their home on Central Avenue at a delightfully arranged party on the evening of July 14. The following guests were present: Mr. and Mrs. Bill Clayson, Mr. and Mrs. Clare Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Seavers, Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Jensen, Mr. Reed Schow and Miss Ruth Bowen.

As a token of appreciation the members of the Ward Relief Society entertained on Monday evening, July 12, in honor of retiring President Katie Hunt and her Counsellors, Mrs. Ruth Teatham and Mrs. Hanna Strong.

A GOOD HABIT:

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HAYWARD

The M. I. A. has been reorganized with the following officers. Young Men: Claude Y. Lundquist, Superintendent; Harold B. Haws, 1st; Keith Christensen as 2nd assistant. Donald McAllister has been retained as Secretary. Young Ladies: Vilate McAllister, President; Edrie Olsen, 1st; Eva Adell Loomis as 2nd assistant. Donna Reinking has been chosen as Secretary. Watch the M. I. A. go this year.

Vacation hit our people hard this year. Those fortunate ones who have gone away and enjoyed themselves are: Alice Welchoff, Gertrude Lesser, Leona Webb, Bessie Auger, Clifford Johnston, Hilda Summerhays, Thomas Auger, Hal Lesser, Darrel Webb, Bessie Rae Auger, Dr. H. Crockett and family, the Ray Truscott family. There are more who haven't reported their wherabouts as yet.

Sarah Johnston and brother Thorval Andersen were called back to Idaho because of illness in the family.

The Sunday School sponsored a picnic at Sequoia Park on the 24th of July.

The Auger family attended the annual reunion of the Summerhays Family while away. The reunion was held in San Diego this year. There were thirty-four descendants of the Joseph William and Hilda Johnson Summerhays Family present. A good time was reported.

The Genealogy Group is going forward by leaps and bounds. Come out and enjoy yourself as well as learn of the finer principles of the Gospel. Meetings are held Tuesday evening in the Hall. They are having on Old fashioned Basket Social the second Tuesday in August. Ladies come out with your baskets.

The Branch Presidency is working on an

MARTINEZ

Claude Wadsworth and family are spending the summer in Utah.

Andrew Easton, Jr. and family have returned from an extended vacation in Wyoming and Utah.

Walter Brey and family, former residents of Martinez Ward and now residing in Susanville, were recent visitors to Martinez and Rodeo.

President Hilton, Glenn Harmon of Stake Presidency and John Kest of Stake High Council were visitors at Sunday School July 18.

Scott Nelson and wife have returned from Utah where they spent their vacation.

Mernie Bunce, now a resident of San Francisco, was a visitor in Martinez July 18.

The Primary has organized a children's Junior Chorus under the direction of Florence Robinson and Audrey Easton.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hipwell and Mr. Lester M. Cullen are vacationing for two weeks in Ogden, Utah. Mrs. Hipwell will remain in Utah until the last of August.

On June 8th the Primary children gave a delightful play called the "Garden Cinderella" under the supervision of Verona Cullen and directed by Florence Robinson.

A party was given for the Primary children July 14th in the church, they also celebrated the birthday of Don Robinson who was seven years old. Games were played. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Florence Robinson.

VITAL STATISTICS

ORDINATIONS

Ronald Howard Phister to office of Priest, 4 July, Hayward.

MARRIAGES

Melvin Clyde LaPray and Berthat Andrea Maughan 28 June, Hayward.

Edwin James Ashton and Dora Isabel Hansen, 4 June, Hayward.

Guy Edgar De Weese and Zelma Sirine at Oakland, by Pres. Eugene Hilton.

Almer Bryan Gardner and Florence Alta Jones of Richmond, at Berkeley, by Bishop Ericksen.

OAKLAND

Helen Willey, a former active member of this Ward, paid a short visit to friends here. She was on her way to Los Angeles where she will meet her husband, Eugene.

Mrs. Ardell Kay has taken the two children to Salt Lake for the summer and reports inform us that they are enjoying some Canyon outings. Jim is steadily losing weight but thinks he'll survive.

Dorothy Watts, a niece of Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Aldridge, is visiting here for the summer. Her cousin, Maxine Solari, is with her.

The Oakland Gleaner Girls have been meeting every Thursday night in the girls' homes. They occupy themselves with needle-work, and they report that their time is well spent.

Mr. and Mrs. Vinal Maus and family made a hurried trip to Utah to attend the funeral services of Mr. Maus' mother.

"The Good Morning Club" composed of some of the ladies of this Ward meets every two weeks to sew and to study the Doctrine and Covenants.

Ralph Barney is enjoying his sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence J. Oborn, here for a short stay from Salt Lake.

Rose Ogden, Mary Randall, and Rita Kaleikau have returned from Salt Lake after attending Primary Convention.

Glen and Adrian Gee are spending their vacation in Canada.

Mrs. J. T. Carruth is again back with us after attending the P.-T. A. convention in Los Angeles and the marriage of her son Lowell in Ogden, Utah.

Our active gleaner class under the direction of Dorothy Brown met and organized a sewing club on June 24.

Miss Minnie Gain entertained at a surprise party in honor of Clifford Bagley on June 12.

Mr. and Mrs. Reed Chase, Mr. and Mrs. James Kay and Mr. and Mrs. Heber Brown have recently returned from trips through the east and middle west.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Mayheu and family of Ogden, Utah, recently moved to Oakland to make their home.

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BERKELEY

Denzil Allen and family are living in Vancouver, Wash. They will be there until the middle of October.

Pres. Cardwell and family are new comers in the Berkeley Ward. Mr. Cardwell was President of the Tracy branch and Mrs. Cardwell was President of the Relief Society. Their daughter will attend the University of California.

Berkeley Ward welcomes the many students who are attending the University of California summer school.

Sunday evening, July 25, services were turned over to Scoutmaster Knight and Scouts Billy Parsons, Sterling Carr and Reed Stone, three scouts who with Dr. Knight attended the Jamboree at Washington. Many interesting experiences were related.

Mrs. Hazel Caine, mother of Edward and Helen Caine, is enjoying a vacation in Idaho.

Vernon Jenson of the Berkeley Ward Sunday School is back from a vacation.

Jeanette Ford, of Davis County, Utah, has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Sheldon Ericksen, for the past few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Moody are visiting in Berkeley Ward.

Mrs. Carrie Moses and daughter Ruth are visiting with Jesse Smith and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Taggert, son, and daughter, of Lewiston, Utah, spent some time with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. R. Hatch. Mr. and Mrs. Taggert are parents of Mrs. Hatch.

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